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'ROUNDABOUT THE STATE.

Cleaned from Exchanges—Made by the Shears, the Pencil and the Paste Pot—Some Original, Some Credited, and Some Stolen, but Nearly All Interesting Reading.

Breakfast can now boast twenty motor cars.

194,235 pounds were sold on the Weston-Dearborn tobacco market last week at an average of \$7.12.

While not recorded as a reclamation project, at Montrose the other day, Miss Lou Marsh became Mrs. James Dryer.

Three oil companies recently have entered the field at Lexington where for years the Standard has been without local competition.

The new Brookfield city directory, just issued, gives Linn county's metropolis a population of 6,772, a gain of 610 over the directory of 1912.

The faith of those who four years ago began on a large scale tobacco planting in Polk county was well founded and the industry proved profitable.

The report of the public service commission of Missouri, just filed, shows that there were 300 persons killed by Missouri railroads in 1914 and 3,452 injured.

The bronze basket in which Geo. M. Ulmer was laid away Monday, is one of the best ever used in Nodaway county, costing twelve hundred dollars.

One hundred and six Chillicothe young women answered an advertisement offering the leading role in a home talent musical comedy to "a pretty girl with three dimples."

Commenting on the heading "Married by a Woman," the Springfield Independent says so many men have had that misfortune that the event is scarcely entitled to big type.

The collapse of a two-story building in Warrensburg, in which there was stored on the second floor a car load of flour, started a fire which caused a loss of \$60,000 Thursday evening.

The Jefferson City Post presents Billy Sunday's recent criticism of St. Louis and says, "there is more devilment going on in Chicago in every hour of the day than in St. Louis in one year."

"Get rich handling tobacco," was a headline in the Warsaw Enterprise and the Four-County Winesap says it's been handling tobacco for thirty-seven years and hasn't gotten rich yet.

Two Chariton county negroes were arrested the other day for an alleged hold-up. They proved their innocence, but were fined for shooting craps, a charge which can always be relied on when others fail.

The collection under the collateral inheritance tax law for 1911 amounted to \$411,180.94. The total collections for 1912 amounted to \$412,815.49. All of this money goes in the support of the state university.

Stephen Osborn, 78 years old, is champion rabbit killer in this part of the country, according to a report sent out from his home town, Gentry Mo. It is claimed that he has killed 500 rabbits this winter. Gentry is champion of something else too—it has the champion sander of big tales to the city papers.—DeKalb County Herald.

The plant of the Nodaway Valley Serum company located northeast of Skidmore, was badly damaged by fire Saturday night. The hog sheds used in connection with the plant and about 100 head of hogs were burned. The fire started from a kerosene stove which was suspended in the hog sheds to warm the building where the virus pigs were corralled. The fire had burned the sheds and spread to other parts of the building before it was discovered.

About twenty citizens of LeGrange are becoming suspicious about some purchases they made last November. An itinerant salesman, glib and affable, quoted them at that time some exceptional prices on attractive articles. The deals were closed by making small cash payments to the salesman who was to deliver the goods later. The twenty citizens have heard nothing more of their purchases.

Why not a systematic campaign for "The Missouri Brand"—in other words, why can't the newspapers of this state bring on a general campaign for more publicity for Missouri live stock, Missouri mined coal, Missouri manufactured goods? Let us lead in loyalty to home—why not? 1915 is the best time to enlist till the end of the war for "Missouri Mined, Missouri Made, Missouri Grown, Missouri Trade."

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Missouri stands in the very forefront of the front rank in the war on tuberculosis, the white plague among cattle. Dr. D. F. Luckey, State Veterinarian, in his 1914 report to the State Board of Agriculture gives unanswerable reasons why the state eradication work has in result added \$25 to the selling worth and keeping value of every head of pure bred cattle in Missouri.

The last relic of Greenville's activity in the iron ore industry was destroyed by the city's first fire in 1915. An iron ore washer, installed in 1907 at a cost of \$5,000, was burned to the ground. A room in the washer has afforded a gambling place for Greenville card players, and to their carelessness with matches the fire is attributed.

S. L. Klee, three years cashier of the freight depot of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad, was arrested at Sedalia Tuesday on a charge of embezzlement of \$5,500. The police say he confessed. He was placed in jail in default of \$5,000 bond. Klee is about 35 years old and unmarried.

Patton sat up and took notice the other evening when a night letter of 450 words was received from an Ohio town working on a direct wire. The toll on the message, the longest ever received at the Patton office, amounted to \$4.80.

A warrant was sworn out before Justice John Clark of Dallas township late Wednesday afternoon charging Roy Lee Conover, a 17-year-old young man, of near Santa Rosa, with a statutory crime, his 14-year-old sister being the complaining witness. He was arrested that evening about 6 o'clock at his father's home by constable Fred Hancock of Adams township and brought to Weatherby for arraignment before Squire Clarke. Before going to the Squire's residence Hancock took his prisoner to the restaurant for a bite of supper and here he made a spectacular get away from the officer and hasn't been apprehended since. Considering the fierceness of the crime with which he was charged and that it looks as if he was aided and abetted in his escape caused feeling to run high against the young man. A reward is being raised for his capture but it is doubtful if he will stop until he has placed a safe distance between himself and pursuers. He had about \$200 on his person when he escaped, having drawn his balance from the Santa Rosa bank a short time before his arrest.—DeKalb County Herald.

We see in a recent issue of the Maryville Tribune, a statement that James William Smith of Burlington Junction who was born near Guilford 78 years ago, was the first born white child in Nodaway county. But such was not the case. Elan Smith, now living near Ravenwood, was born 78 years ago or in 1837, in the best township in the great Platte Purchase, near what is now Ravenwood, Jackson township. He lived there many years until he emigrated to Kansas to make his home. After a few years his heart sighed for the verdant prairies and Missouri's great valleys and he retraced his steps to his early childhood home where he has since resided.—Ravenwood Gazette.

A Gower citizen has found an anti-dote for the old fashioned "tick tack." A tick tack is a combination of a brick suspended from a doorknob, a long piece of string, and a group of mischievous boys. The object of a tick tack is to frighten the women folks and the usual treatment for it is to get some man to remove the brick from the door knob. The Gower citizen used a shotgun loaded with birdshot and three boys went under the care of a surgeon, declaring they were entirely cured of tick tackling.

Mrs. H. F. Stapel of Rock Port received the sad news last Saturday that her eighteen-year-old nephew, Johnnie Drexler, of Munich, Germany, serving in the German army, had been killed in a battle just before Christmas. There were no particulars. The last time Mrs. Stapel heard from him, previous to that, he had been on the firing line at Reims, but his feet having been frost-bitten, he was in a hospital, anxious however, to get to the front again and fight for his country.—Atchison County Mail.

Charles Graves, who has been confined to his home with rheumatism for some time, was in town last week and was shaved by a barber, the second time in his whole life. Mr. Graves will soon be 71 years old, and during all this time he has stuck to his own trusty blade. The first time he was shaved in a shop was about 45 years ago—and it was also the last until he had the job done last week.—Burlington Junction Post.

Why The Serum Alone Treatment.

BY J. B. GINGERY.

Since hog cholera has become so prevalent in this country and the loss from it is so great, the question of eradication and control is naturally raised. A number of suggestions and methods have been offered which have been somewhat varying in their effectiveness and mode of administration.

The Veterinary Department of the Missouri Agricultural Experiment Station has been recommending and using the serum alone treatment. The question is often heard, "Why the serum alone treatment properly administered has for its object the control and eventually the ABSOLUTE ERADICATION of hog cholera. It makes it possible in a large measure to do away with vaccination with its attending cost and trouble. The serum alone treatment is a safe method to use and is simple. It can be handled with good results by the careful inexperienced man. There are none of the bad after results such as sometimes follow other treatments.

Serum alone can neither start new outbreaks of cholera nor bring the infection on your non-infected farm. When administered under proper conditions it produces an immunity of sufficient duration to allow ample time for cleaning up and disinfecting the yards and in this way destroying the infection before the hogs outgrow the immunity. Under ordinary conditions this is of far greater importance than simply protecting hogs from the cholera for a varying period of time and not making any attempt to avoid harboring the germs. The germs, whether in the litter about the pens or in the virus of the double treatment, will cause the disease to develop. If cholera is to be controlled it is necessary to destroy the germs. The use of the serum alone is to protect the hogs until the germs can be destroyed by cleaning up, burning and disinfecting.

The effectiveness of the serum alone treatment has been well demonstrated in localities where the College of Agriculture has had the direct supervision of the administering of the serum and of the sanitation or clean-up work. There have been only eight orders (1236 doses) sent to Dade County since the anti-hog cholera campaign work was done there. The cholera has been kept well under control in Johnson County where a campaign to eradicate it was carried on some time ago. In Bates and Cass Counties where the campaigns for eradication have been more recent the cholera is being brought well under control. The results in the four counties named are especially significant because all of them were surrounded by badly infected districts.

The report of State Dairy Commissioner E. G. Bennett shows that over 3250,000 worth of pure bred dairy cattle have been shipped into Missouri during the past 12 months. This is the latest and best proof that Missouri is a great dairy state—is or soon will be!

Admitted that talking too much is a serious fault, still the defendant in a Nodaway county criminal court drew three additional years to his sentence because he would not tell the jury the story of his past life.

Test Seed Corn.

A 100-ear sample of Reid's Yellow Dent Corn entered at the Southeast Missouri Corn Show, held at the State Normal School, was given a germination test. The following results were obtained: 5 per cent dead; 47 per cent medium and only 60 per cent first class. This was not a random sample. It has been selected in competition for cash premiums ranging up to \$25.00.

If in such corn 5 per cent is dead, how much of the seed that will be planted this spring will be first class? The safe thing to do is to test all seed corn.

"Nine-tenths of the unhappy marriages are the result of green human calves being allowed to run at large in society pastures without yokes on them. They marry and have children before they have mustaches. They are fathers of twins before they have two pair of pants, and the little girls they marry are old before they are out of their teens. Occasionally one of these gosling marriages turns out all right, but it is a clear case of luck. If there was a law against galoots sparking and marrying before they have out their teeth, we suppose they would evade it in some way, but there ought to be a sentiment against it. It is time enough for these bantams to think of mindling a pullet when they have money enough to buy a bundle of laths to build a hen house. But they see a girl who looks cunning, and they are afraid there is not going to be enough to go around, and then they begin to get their work in real apy, and before they are aware of the sanctity of the marriage relation they are hitched for life, and before they own a cook stove or a bedstead they have to get up in the night and go after a doctor so frightened that they run themselves out of breath, and abuse the doctor because he does not run too and when the doctor gets there, there is not enough linen in the house to wrap up a doll baby."—Ex.

A Prayer.

Teach me that sixty minutes make one hour, sixteen ounces one pound and one hundred cents one dollar.

Help me to live so that I can lie down at night with a clear conscience, without a gun under my pillow, and unharmed by the faces of those to whom I have brought pain.

Grant, I beseech Thee, that I may earn my meal ticket on the square, and in doing thereof that I may not stick the gaff where it does not belong.

Deafen me to the jingle of tainted money and the rustle of unholy skirts.

Blind me to the faults of the other fellow, but reveal to me my own.

Guide me so that each night when I look across the dinner table at my wife, who has been a blessing to me, I will have nothing to conceal.

Keep me young enough to laugh with my children and to lose myself in their play.

And when comes the smell of flowers, and the tread of soft steps and the crushing of beauteous wheels in the gravel out in front of my place, make the ceremony short and the epitaph simple: "Here lies a Man."—Campbell Citizen.

If you are in need of money see Geo. D. Ulmer for terms and time before borrowing. Office in court house with attorney Judge.

STATE'S FIRE LOSS TOO BIG

Ratio in Proportion to Insurance Premiums Paid is 16 Per Cent Above Average.

Missouri has become a dumping ground for professional incendiaries as a result of the weakness of its laws. Charles G. Revelle, state superintendent of insurance, told the Commercial club.

"You may deride the existence of a so-called 'arson trust' if you please," he added. "I once was inclined to laugh at the idea but I now know that such organized bodies exist and are being driven into Missouri by the activity of the fire marauders of other states."

"The loss ratio in this state in proportion to the income of the fire insurance companies is 79.9 per cent, the greatest of any state, save Arkansas and 18 per cent above the average for all states."

"This despite the fact that the burning record of the Nation is ten to twenty times that of any other nation on earth. Every year fire consumes property in this country of half the value of the total of new buildings for the same period. Our fire losses would pay the national debt in three years, adequately support the army and navy or the pension bill, without taking into account the economic loss through the destruction of human life."

RAID ANOTHER OLEO PLANT

St. Louis Officers Discover Trap Doors, Secret Panels and Swinging Stairways in Building.

Within less than twenty-four hours after his creamery was raided, Gus Telfenthaler of St. Louis was indicted by the federal grand jury on a charge of coloring oleomargarine without paying the required internal revenue tax. Some white oleomargarine, some colored product and coloring material taken in the raid was the evidence used against him. He was released on \$3,000 bond.

Trap doors, secret panels and swinging stairways were discovered when the revenue officers raided Telfenthaler's place. Telfenthaler had taken refuge in a cellar room, which was hidden by a trap door, and was removing his clothing when the officers took him into custody. His clothing was covered with a yellow coloring fluid. He denied that he was coloring the white product of which about 2,000 pounds were confiscated.

When the officers went into the store they found a stairway which proved to be fitted with hinges. A section of the steps, built into the wall, was lifted and disclosed a room which was used to store colored oleo.

Horse Epidemic in Bates County.

During the past week many horses in Bates county have been stricken with an epidemic which closely resembles blind staggers. Several farmers have suffered heavy losses. Charles Goode, west of Amsterdam, having lost seven in the past few days. As yet no cause has been determined and only a very few cases have been cured. Before dying the horse becomes mad, as with hydrophobia, and it is very dangerous to be around the stricken animal. Bates county has been one of the heaviest losers in hog cholera.

Lately Old Farmer Frozen.

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Dallas County Wins.

The circuit court of appeals for the Eighth district has no power, the supreme court decided recently, to establish a receivership in Dallas county, to levy and collect special taxes to meet a judgment of \$235,000 against the county in favor of David Yates on a county bond issue for railroad building in 1871. Yates alleged in the lower court that county officials had refused to make the levy and the supreme court was asked to determine the power of the circuit court.

Holds Up Woman Cashier.

While the employees of a mill were being paid off at St. Joseph a youth entered the office, pointed a revolver at the head of the young woman cashier, snatched a box containing seventy-five pay envelopes and escaped in a rig he had left at the curb. He obtained more than \$1,000. Several suspects have been arrested by the police.

Aged Lawyer Dead.

John C. Crawley, 64 years old, is dead at the home of his daughter, Mrs. L. M. Woods in Northville.